

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q88366

Hiroshi HORIUCHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/537,493

Group Art Unit: 1794

Confirmation No.: 4639

Examiner: Hamid R. Badr

Filed: June 3, 2005

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING FERMENTED MILK AND FERMENTED MILK

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of December 23, 2008 to June 23, 2009.

The statutory fee of \$1110.00 is being charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS Payment Screen. The USPTO is also directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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